

FOOD CRISIS IN GERMANY

Potato Crop Fails to Meet
Expectations of the
Government

SHORTAGE

KEENLY FELT

Control Bureau Is Alarmed
Over Grain Harvest—Cold
Weather Causes Delay

Copenhagen, via London, May 16.—The potato shortage in Germany is making itself felt in spite of assurance at the time the bread ration was reduced last month that enough potatoes were on hand to permit a weekly per capita issue of five pounds until the next harvest.

The bureau of food control, by strenuous efforts, has been able to supply a five-pound ration in the Berlin and Westphalia industrial districts, where the labor crisis at the time of the reduction of the bread ration was particularly acute. Bitter complaints, however, are coming from various other sections of the empire, which feel that they are being slighted in favor of the capital and the Essen district.

In many sections of Bavaria, according to reports to the Reichstag, the potato ration is only 24 ounces weekly. The Hamburg ration is now and has been for weeks three pounds, and the sister city of Altona has been placed for the next week on a pound and a half allowance.

It is true that, in accordance with the government's promises, the bread ration is not reduced when the five-pound allowance of potatoes is not furnished. Every pound extra of flour applied for this purpose, however, upsets the government's scheme of distribution, which was based on the fact that the stock of grain in the empire is barely adequate, under reduced rations, to carry the population through until Aug. 15—the earliest possible date when flour from the new harvest is expected to be available.

The national military requisition and expropriation of grain, which has just been finished, has, according to Food Commissioner Michaelis, not uncovered enough unreported grain to materially

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affect previous estimates. Also the prospective date for the harvest has been still further deferred by the continued cold weather, experienced since the revised scheme of distribution was put out. In east and west Prussia, two of the great grain districts of Germany, frosts were reported as late as last week.

Under the circumstances the authorities face the alternative of again reducing the bread ration or confronting a hiatus of more or less duration between the time of the exhaustion of the present stocks and the incoming of the new crop of flour. This is an unpleasant prospect for the government, as it was only able to check the strike movement by the positive assurance that neither the bread nor the potato allowance would be further reduced. Apprehension also is being expressed, particularly in agrarian circles, at the inroads which the increased meat ration, granted when the bread allowance was reduced, is making in the meat supply.

BRITISH CAUGHT U-BOAT FLEET BOUND FOR AMERICA?

Submarines Planned Raid on Shipping or
Coast Towns, It Is
Thought.

New York, May 16.—A fleet of several submarines which left Germany shortly after the war was declared, bound for the United States, was either captured or destroyed, according to information brought by an officer on a merchant ship which arrived yesterday at an American port. This officer said that he had been credibly informed that the British admiralty received word of the sailing of this fleet so quickly after it started that the British were able to get the submarines before they were out of the water zone.

It is believed that these submarines were started with the view of coming to the Atlantic coast to make a raid on American shipping or any other ships leaving the United States with supplies of munitions. The Germans may also have had in mind an attempt to bombard an unprotected American seaport. They probably intended to make a quick and effective raid and return as soon as possible to Germany, counting more on the moral effect that the raid would produce than on the actual damage.

DRY U.S. FIGHT 'ONLY STARTED'

Prohibitionists in Congress
Will File New
Bills

DETERMINED

TO GET ACTION

Want Production and Sale of
Liquor Stopped Dur-
ing War

Washington, May 16.—The fight for "war prohibition" has only started in Congress.

The striking from the Gregory espionage bill of the Cummins partial prohibition amendment was done merely on grounds that the measure, as it stood, was unconstitutional and did not properly belong on the so-called "spy bill."

The "drys" are determined to force prohibition as a war emergency measure and several bills are awaiting introduction. The next effort will be made in an attempt to add a prohibition clause to the food conservation bill. Failing in that the drys will put up a separate bill and demand action.

Many senators friendly to this legislation voted against the Cummins amendment Monday because they thought it out of place. They will favor adoption of a measure similar to that offered by Senator Gronna which would conserve all foods during the war by prohibiting their use in manufacture of liquors of any kind. Under present plans the authority, however, for shutting off these foodstuffs, will be left to the discretion of the president. This is the policy favored by the administration.

Meantime Congress is flooded with protests from the big liquor districts who fear thousands of men will be thrown out of work if prohibition is put into effect.

Commenting on this point Senator Cummins said yesterday: "It does not move me much."

"This government is about to draft into service 1,000,000 men," he said. "They will be drawn from all industries—everywhere in the country."

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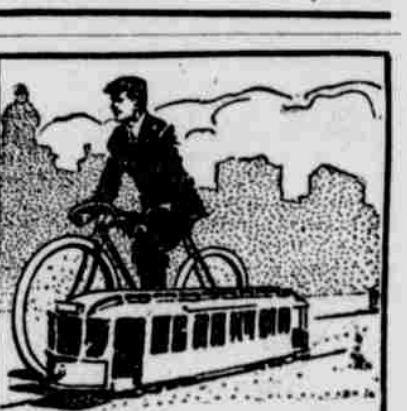
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POTATOES SHOW DOWN-
WARD TENDENCY

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Dressed Pork
18c

Barre, Vt., May 16, 1917.

Butter prices easier. Potatoes show downward tendency. Wholesale quotations:

Dressed pork—18c.
Venal—17c.
Fowls—25@27c.
Fresh eggs—32c.
Butter, creamery—40c.
Butter, dairy—38c.
Potatoes—\$2.50@3.

RICKER'S MARKET REPORTS.

Calves in Good Supply, but Other Receipts Rather Small.

St. Johnsbury, May 16.—Receipts at W. A. Ricker's market for the week ending May 15 included:

Poultry—200 lbs. 16c.

Lambs—10, 4@8c.

Hogs—300, 13@14½c.

Cattle—133, 4@8c.

Calves—880, 5@10c.

Milk cows—60, \$70@81.10.

IN BOSTON MARKETS

Butter Prints 41½@42c, Choice Eastern

Henner Eggs 39@40c.

Boston, May 16.—Jobbing prices:

Butter—Fancy northern creamery in

tubs 40@40½c, boxes 41@41½c, prints

41½@42c, fancy western creamery 39½

@40c, good to choice 38½@39c, fair to

good 38@38½c, renovated butter 37½@

38c, ladies 34@34½c.

Cheese—New York twins new fancy

27½@28c, fair to good 25@26c, Young

America new 27@27½c.

Eggs—Nearby henner 41@42c, choice

eastern 39@40c, fresh western henner

41@42c, prime firsts 38@39c, firsts 37@

38c, storage packed 38@39c.

LIVESTOCK PRICES HIGHER.

Beef Cattle Especially Firm and Hogs

Advanced at Brighton Market.

Brighton, Mass., May 16.—In spite of

larger arrivals of livestock all prices at

the Brighton market were higher than a

week ago, beef cattle and hogs being

especially firm. Even calves, which have

been weak for some time, rallied. Buy-

ers showed more eagerness than in re-

cent weeks, and a very keen demand was

developed for all grades of stock.

Fancy beef cattle sold up to 12c for a

choice pair. Average tops sold at 10@

11c, good cattle at 9@10c and light cat-

tle at 8½@9c.

With canner cows selling readily at

6@6½c, there was a general boom in all

cow beef stock. Ordinary cows brought

6½@7c, good cows 7½@8c, and fancy

cows and heifers 8½@9½c.

Bologna bulls sold at 6½@7c, with

average stock at 7½@8c and fancy bulls

at 8½@9c and occasionally more.

Calves were in fair supply, yet prices

were forced up in sympathy with the

general trend of the market. Small lots

of fancy calves sold up to 13c, bunch

lots of best stock bringing 11@12c, fair

lots 9@10c and grassers and drinkers

8@9c.

Hogs were materially advanced, though

much complaint was heard among buy-

ers as to the quality of receipts. Best

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